

HOUSE BILL 2255

By Harris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37
and Title 41, relative to telephone calls.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 5, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

If a youth development center provides telephone services to juveniles who are committed to the department of children's services, then the center shall provide to juveniles with good behavior a total of fifty (50) minutes of outgoing telephone services each week at no cost to the caller or receiving party when the receiving party is a parent or guardian of the caller or a member of the clergy.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 4, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

If a jail provides telephone services to prisoners committed to the jail, then the jailer shall provide a total of fifty (50) minutes of outgoing telephone services each week to prisoners who are under eighteen (18) years of age and have exercised good behavior at no cost to the caller or receiving party when the receiving party is a parent or guardian of the caller or a member of the clergy.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 21, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

If the department of correction provides telephone services to inmates, then the department shall provide a total of fifty (50) minutes of outgoing telephone services each week to inmates who are under eighteen (18) years of age and have exercised good

behavior at no cost to the caller or receiving party when the receiving party is a parent or guardian of the caller or a member of the clergy.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.